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Invention: TOPSHEET OF ABSORBENT ARTICLE

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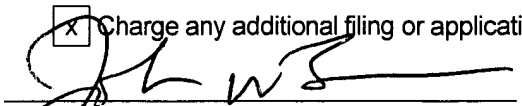
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Sir:

In reply to the Official Action of March 27, 2006, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Claims 1 and 5 are amended.